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Dear Daniel,

This email responds to the Washoe County Health District's (Washoe) EE Initial Notification Information (EE/INI) submittal dated June 3, 2016 regarding exclusion of data affected by exceptional events (EE). The EE/INI claimed that emissions from Northern California wildfires on August 18, 2015 caused exceedances of the 2012 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> and 2015 8-Hour O<sub>3</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) at the Reno3 (32-031-0016), Sparks (32-031-1005), Toll (32-031-0025), South Reno (32-031-0020), Lemmon Valley (32-031-2009), and Incline (32-031-2002) monitoring stations on August 18-21, 2015.

Based on the information provided in the EE/INI cited above, EPA has determined that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> data from these events are not currently anticipated to affect any future regulatory decision with respect to the 2012 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS and is therefore deferring review of these events. EPA will notify you if it is subsequently determined that review of these events is needed for a regulatory decision.

Based on the information provided in the EE/INI cited above, EPA has determined that O<sub>3</sub> data from these events may affect a future regulatory decision and the exceedances could be considered under the Exceptional Events Rule. EPA invites further communication with Washoe regarding the specific events that EPA would recommend for development into an EE demonstration. In view of the tight schedule with respect to the 2015 O<sub>3</sub> designations, EPA encourages Washoe to work closely with EPA in focusing attention on the event-affected data specifically from the Reno3 and South Reno stations. Based on preliminary analysis by EPA, it appears that concurrence on only one of the three exceedance days referenced in the EE/INI is needed to bring the area into attainment for the 2015 O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS. EPA recommends focusing on the day with the most compelling technical evidence with respect to the requirements of the Exceptional Events Rule.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please feel free to contact me at (415) 947-4534, Michael Flagg at (415) 972-3372, or Randy Chang at (415) 947-4180. We appreciate your partnership in working through implementation of the Exceptional Events Rule.

Regards,  
Meredith